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THAN THAT EVIL WHICH PRESERVES
THE SMILING FACE OF VIRTUE
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SECRETS CIRCULATE...

TAKE THE CASE OF HIS STUFF...

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BUT, MRS. WARREN, DO YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT YOUR SON DISAPPEARED VANISHED, A MONTH AGO... AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU CALLED THE POLICE?



SOB... I'M AFRAID SO... YOU SEE... THE NOTE...

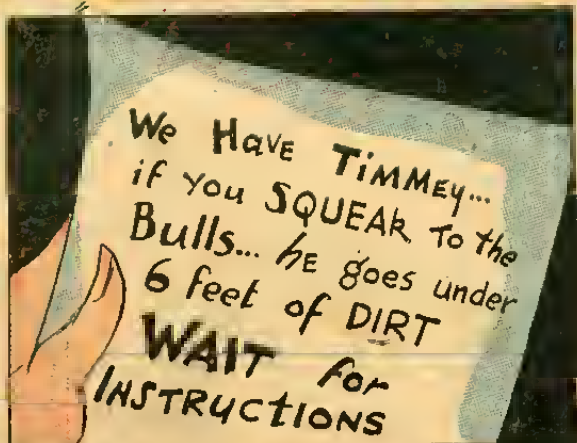
MAY I SEE IT PLEASE?

THE HOME OF THE WARRENS... POLICE COMMISSIONER WESTON AND LAMONT CRANSTON IN ATTENDANCE...



THERE WAS ANOTHER NOTE? MADE THE SAME WAY FROM LETTERS TORN OUT OF THE NEWSPAPER?

YES, THEY DEMANDED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. THEY GAVE ME DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO SEND IT

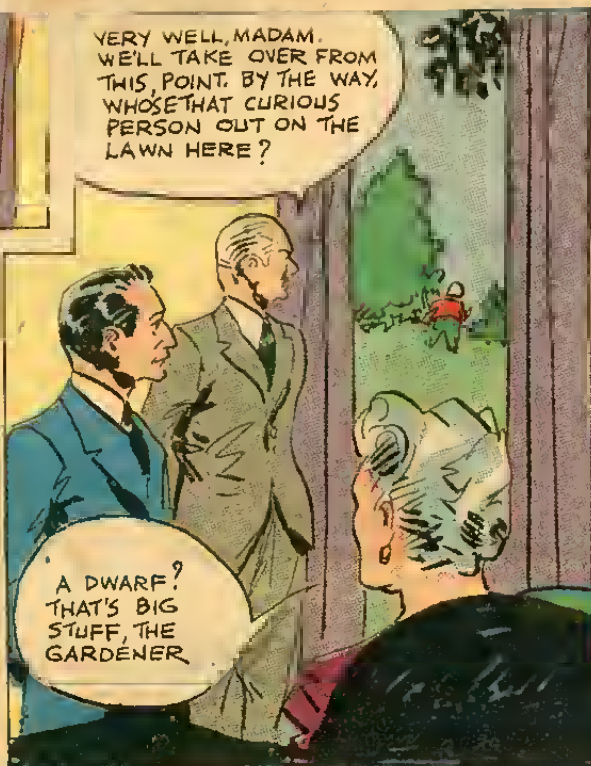


We Have TIMMEY... if you SQUEAK to the Bulls... he goes under 6 feet of DIRT WAIT for INSTRUCTIONS



YOU FOLLOWED THE DIRECTIONS?

YES, OR THAT IS, MY HUSBAND DID YESTERDAY, BUT... TIMMY HASN'T BEEN RETURNED! WHAT SHALL I DO?



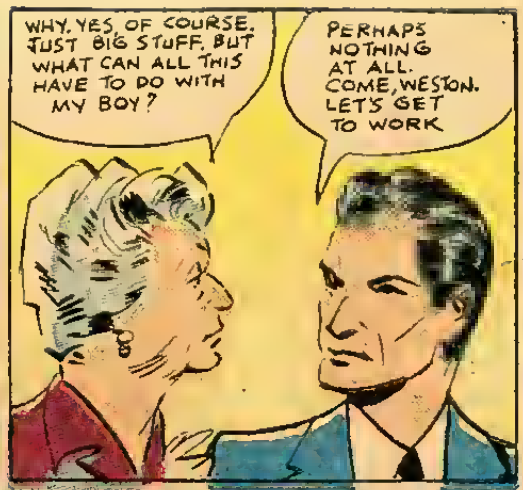
VERY WELL, MADAM. WE'LL TAKE OVER FROM THIS POINT. BY THE WAY, WHOSE THAT CURIOUS PERSON OUT ON THE LAWN HERE?

A DWARF? THAT'S BIG STUFF, THE GARDENER



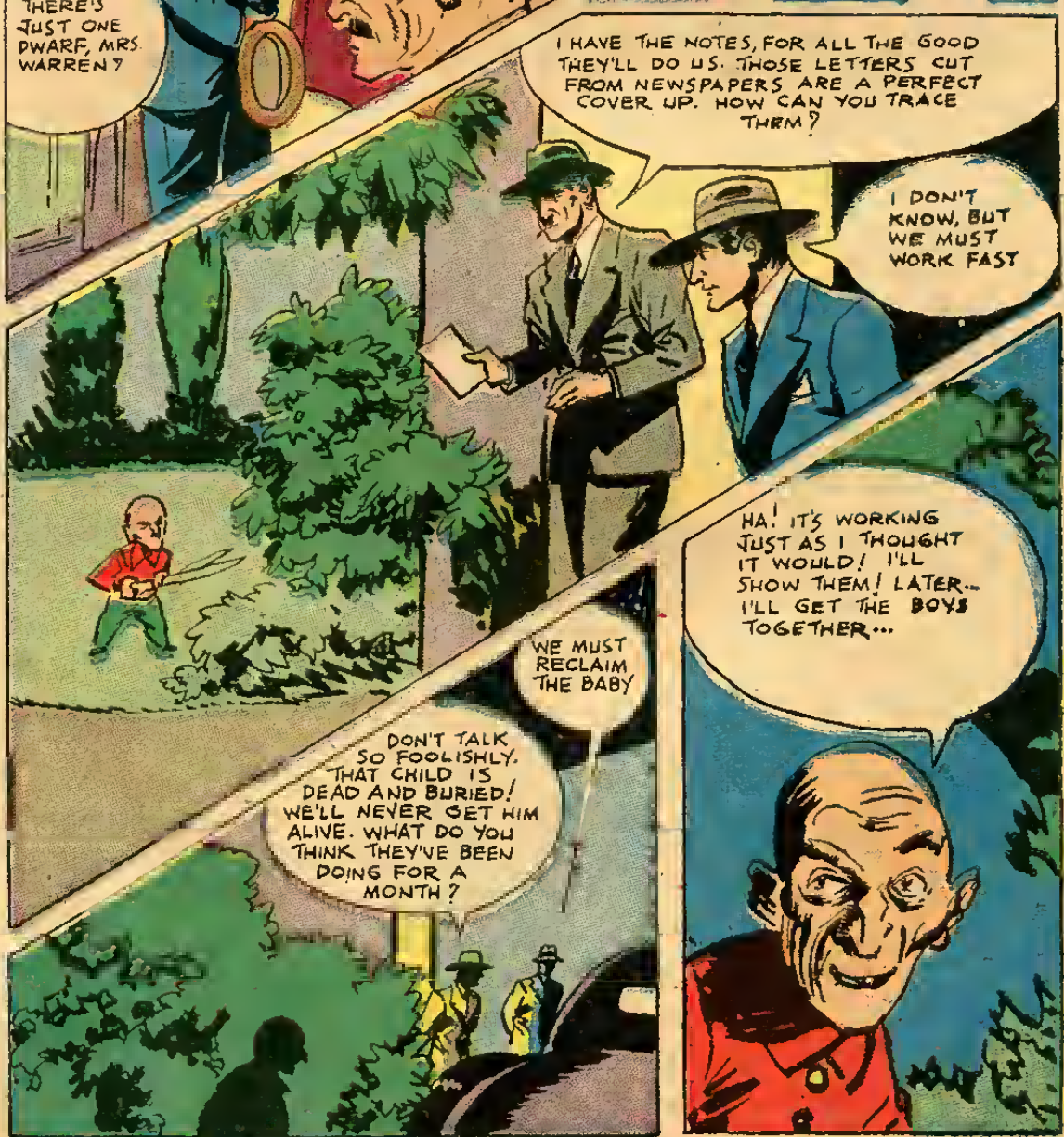
YES, THAT'S HIM. HE'S A GOOD WORKER. HE HAS WHAT THEY CALL GREEN FINGERS. HE CAN GROW ANYTHING

YOU SAY THERE'S JUST ONE DWARF, MRS WARREN?



WHY, YES OF COURSE. JUST BIG STUFF, BUT WHAT CAN ALL THIS HAVE TO DO WITH MY BOY?

PERHAPS NOTHING AT ALL. COME, WESTON. LET'S GET TO WORK



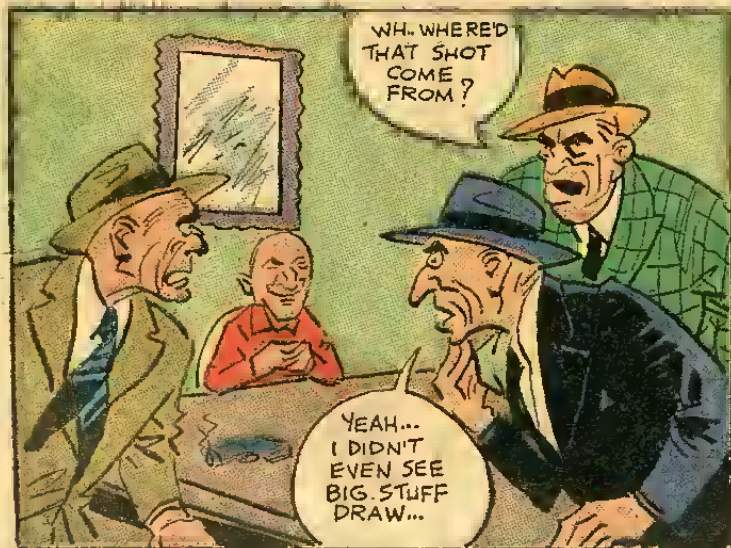
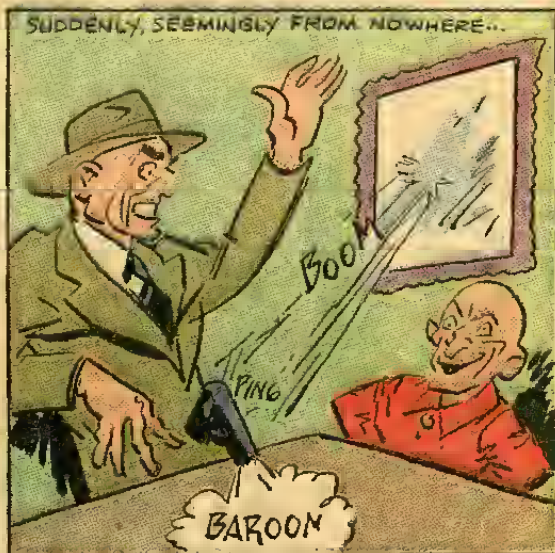
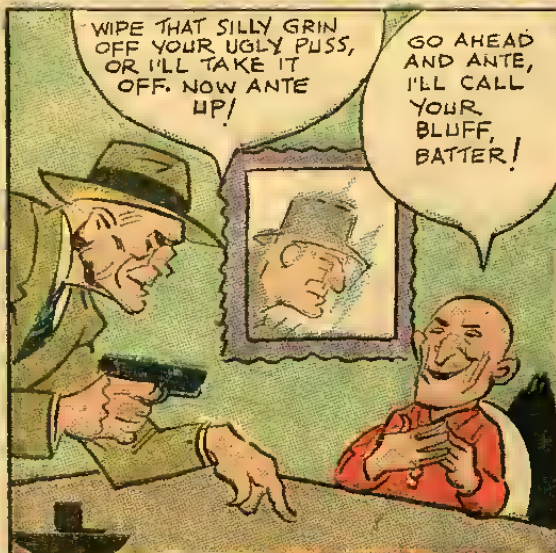
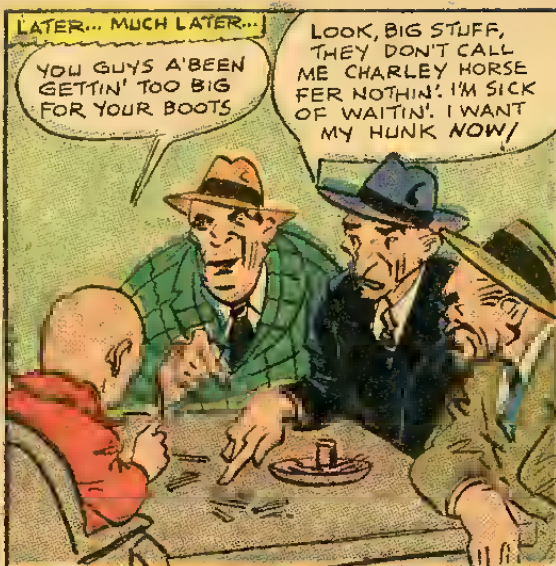
I HAVE THE NOTES, FOR ALL THE GOOD THEY'LL DO US. THOSE LETTERS CUT FROM NEWSPAPERS ARE A PERFECT COVER UP. HOW CAN YOU TRACE THEM?

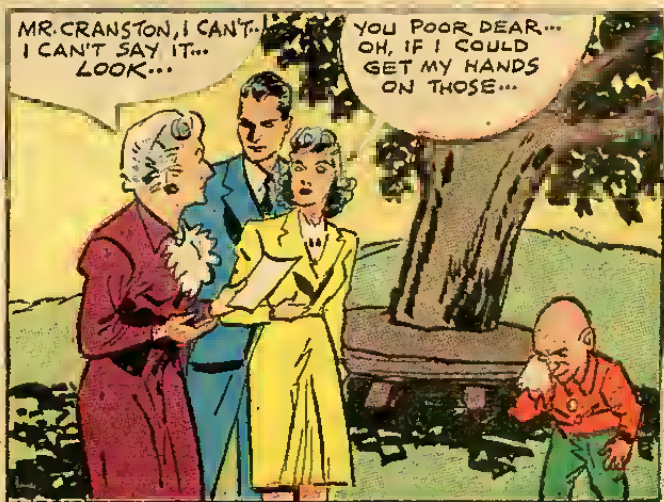
I DON'T KNOW, BUT WE MUST WORK FAST

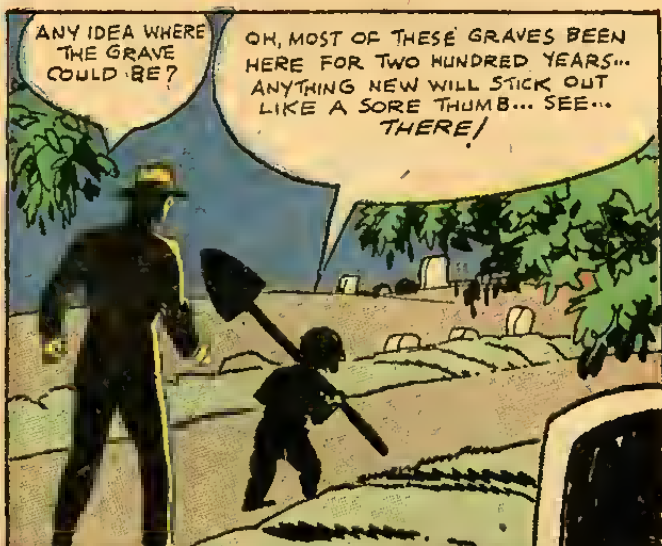
HA! IT'S WORKING JUST AS I THOUGHT IT WOULD! I'LL SHOW THEM! LATER... I'LL GET THE BOYS TOGETHER...

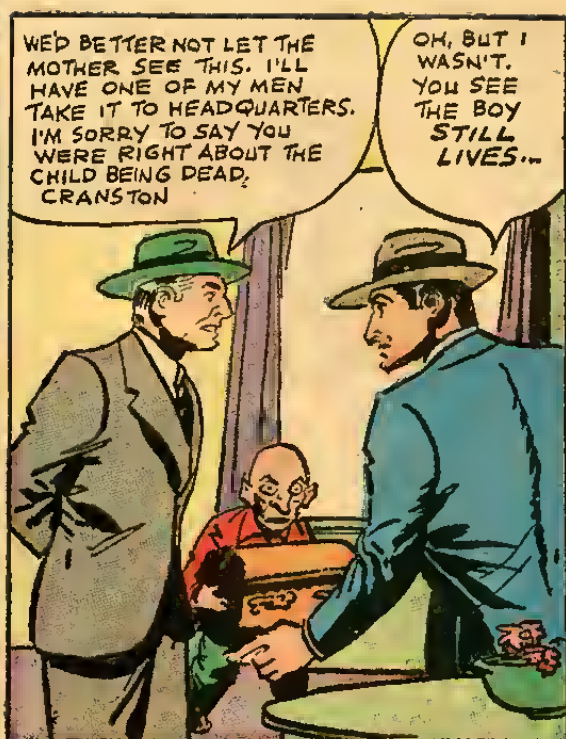
WE MUST RECLAIM THE BABY

DON'T TALK SO FOOLISHLY. THAT CHILD IS DEAD AND BURIED! WE'LL NEVER GET HIM ALIVE. WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY'VE BEEN DOING FOR A MONTH?



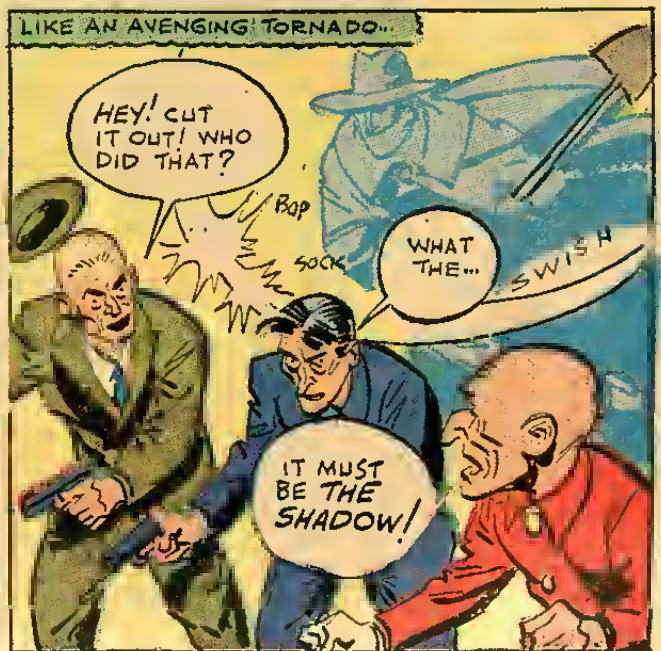


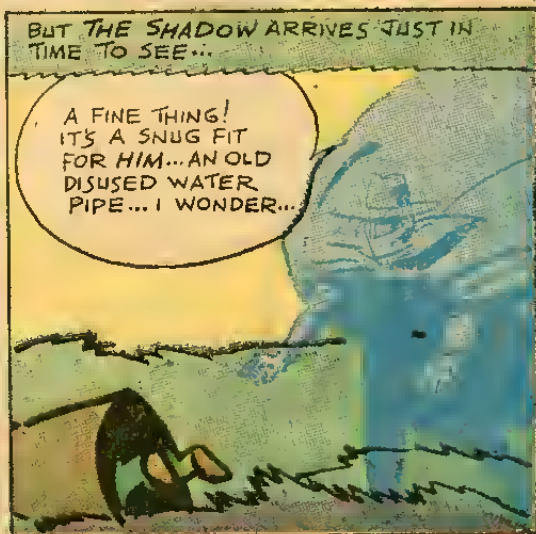
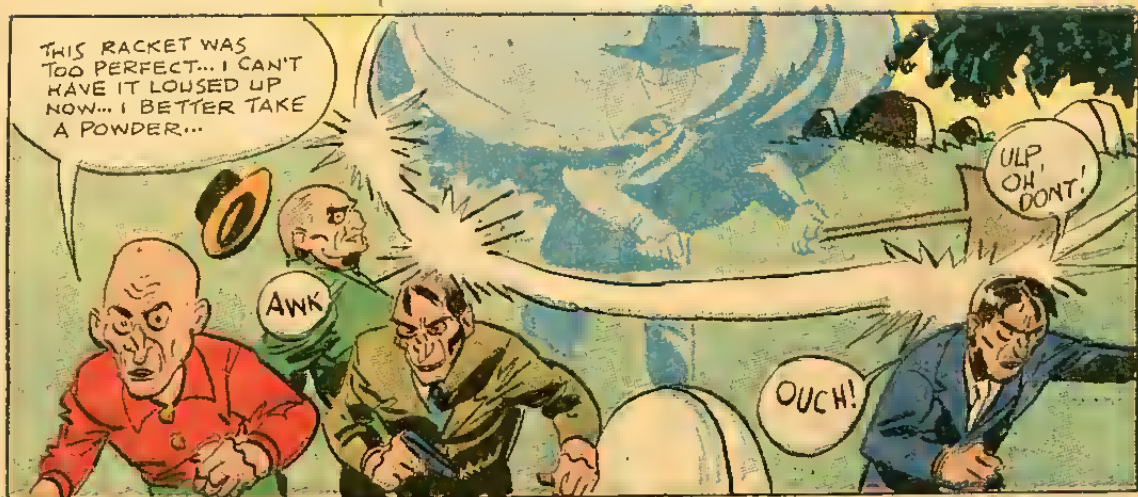




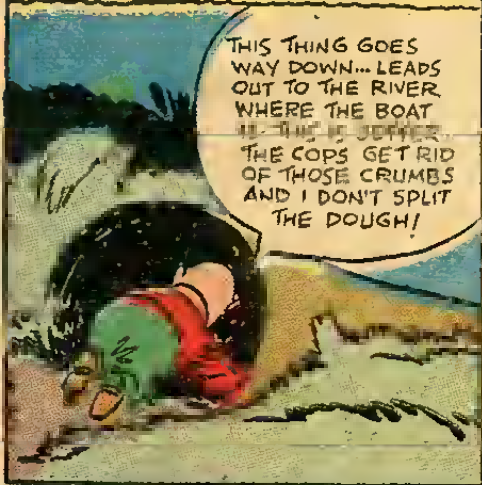
IT IS LAMONT CRANSTON WHO LEAPS OUT INTO THE TREACHEROUS DARKNESS...BUT SECONDS LATER...AN AVENGING FURY RUNS THROUGH THE NIGHT!



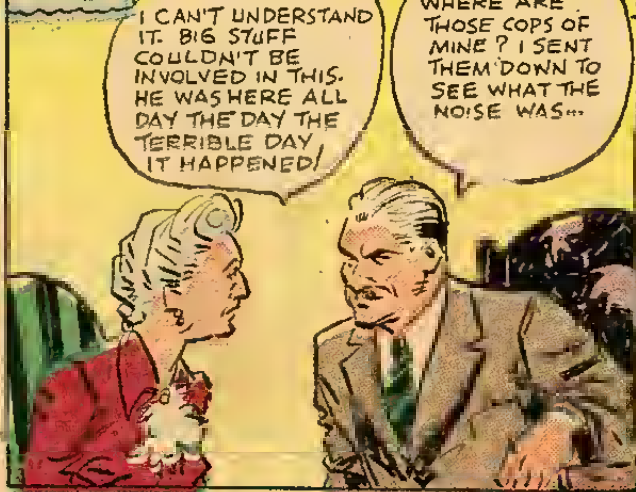




GLOATING LAUGHTER FILLS THE EERIE
RECESSES OF THE OLD PIPE...



AT THE
WARREN
HOME...



WESTON, MRS. WARREN,
WHERE DOES THAT
OLD WATER PIPE
COME OUT?

OLD
PIPE?



WATER PIPE? WHY...
IT'S NOT IN USE...
IT LEADS TO THE
RIVER AND ENDS
THERE! DOWN BY
THE TWIN OAK TREE!

TWIN
OAK...



MY, MY, DOES
THAT GENTLEMAN
ALWAYS RACE
AROUND SO?

ONLY WHEN
HE'S CLOSE TO
THE END OF A
CASE!



DIDN'T I HEAR
LAMONT'S VOICE?

YOU DID, BUT HE'S
TRAVELING FAST.
HE'S GOING DOWN
TO THE RIVER.
THE TWIN OAKS..



STRAGGLING BRANCHES ETCH A WEIRD SHADOW ON THE SKY...



ALL CLEAR..



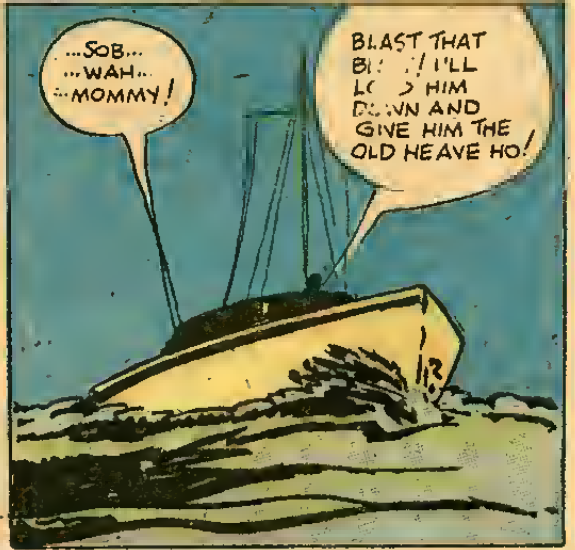
LAMONT?
WHERE ARE
YOU?

WHAT
THE...



...SOB...
...WAH...
...MOMMY!

BLAST THAT
B...! I'LL
LO... HIM
DOWN AND
GIVE HIM THE
OLD HEAVE HO!

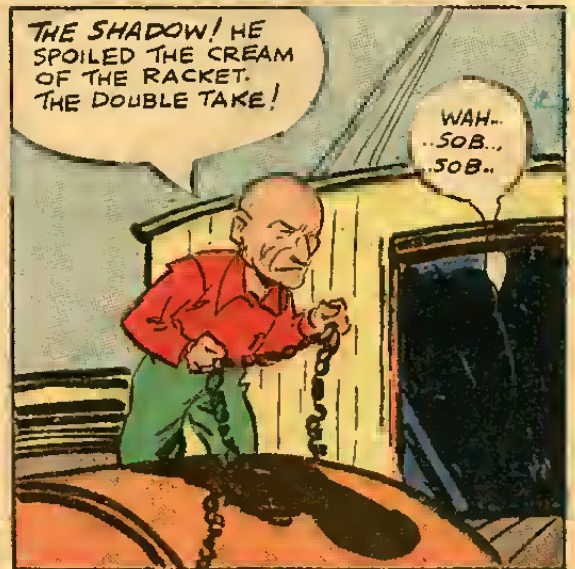


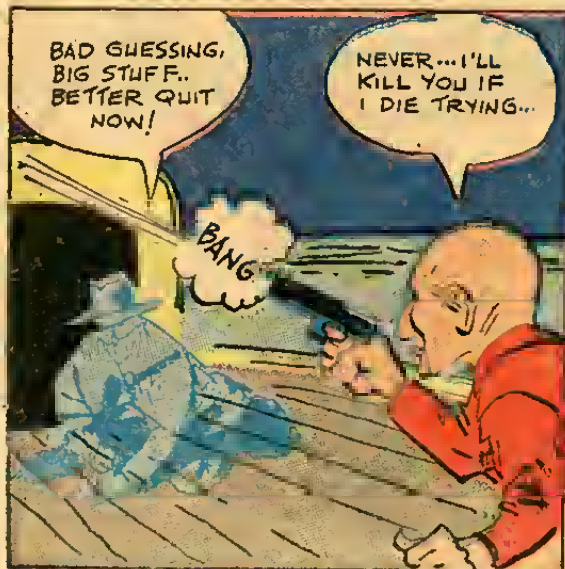
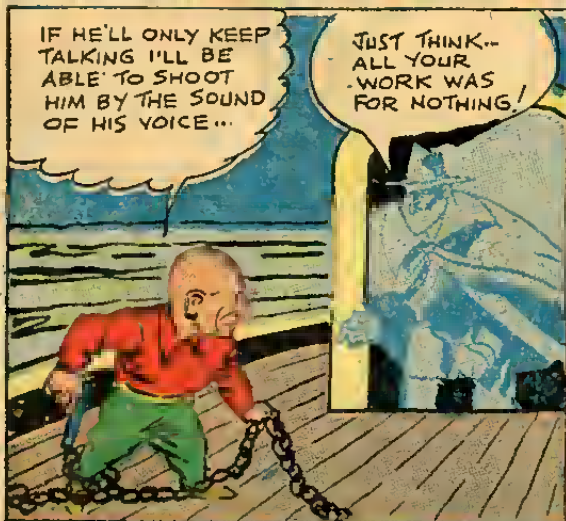
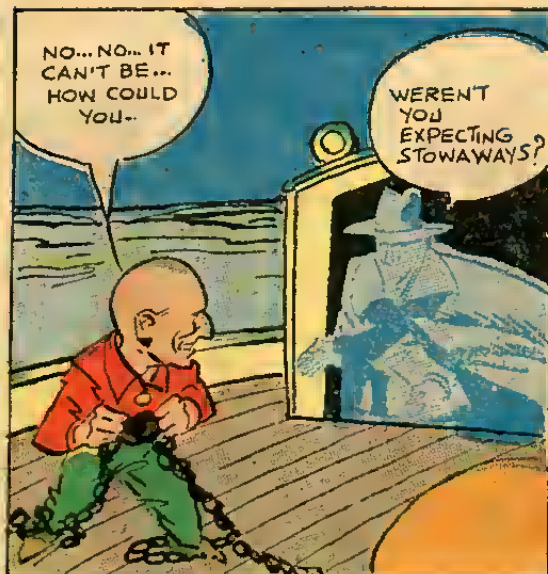
THAT CRY... IT SOUNDED
LIKE A BABY... CAN LAMONT
BE RIGHT? IS THAT BOY
STILL ALIVE? OF ALL
TIMES FOR LAMONT TO
FAIL...



THE SHADOW! HE
SPOILED THE CREAM
OF THE RACKET.
THE DOUBLE TAKE!

WAH...
...SOB...
...SOB...







WITH THE CHILLO RESTORED TO ITS MOTHER...

YOU'VE DONE IT AGAIN. NOW, CAN YOU TELL ME, WHY THESE MEN KEEP TELLING THERE WERE TWO BIG STUFFS?

BECAUSE THERE WERE... ONE IS IN THE RIVER... THE OTHER IS IN THAT SMALL BIER... ONE KILLED THE OTHER AFTER USING HIM TO CONTROL THESE HOODLUMS!



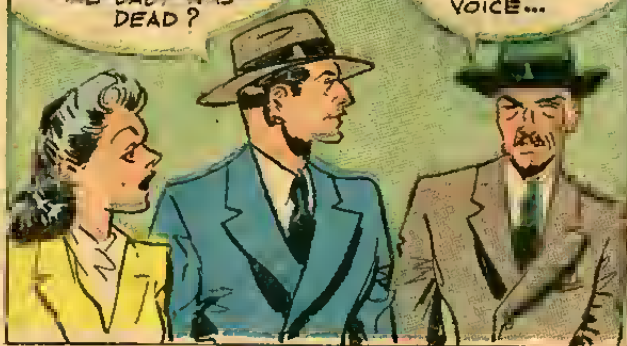
YOU MEAN THAT THEY TRIED TO PASS ONE OF THE TWIN DWARFS AS THE DEAD BABY? BUT WHY? JUST FOR SNEER CRUELTY?

IT WAS WORSE THAN THAT... IT WAS FOR MORE PROFIT



THEY KNEW THAT WITH THE POLICE IN, THE HEAT WOULD BE ON. WHAT BETTER WAY TO STOP THE HUNT THAN TO SHOW US THAT THE DEAD WAS DEAD?

THEN THEY PLANNED AFTER THE HUE AND CRY DIED DOWN TO LET MRS. WARREN HEAR HER SON'S VOICE...



AND AGAIN MAKE HER PAY RANSOM, YES! A DOUBLE TAKE AND A VICIOUS ONE! SO LONG..

WAIT... YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME HOW YOU KNEW...



WHEN I COUNTED THE VERTABRAE OF THE SKELETON THEY WERE TRYING TO PASS OFF AS THE BOY, I KNEW IT WAS THAT OF AN ADULT! AN ADULT DWARF, BUT AN ADULT!



WHEN YOU COUNTED ??????

A BABY HAS 32 BONES IN ITS BACKBONE. AS YOU GROW UP, FIVE OF THE BONES HARDEN INTO ONE. THE SKELETON HAD ONLY 27!

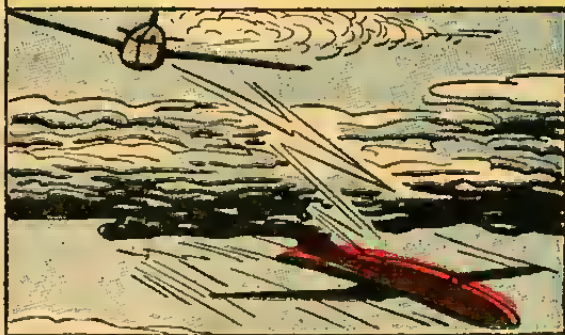


DOC SAVAGE

**PURSUIT
OF THE
SKULL!**

THE SKULL, VILLAINOUS
LEADER OF THE
BLACK ROOM SOCIETY,
BELIEVES HE HAS
KILLED DOC SAVAGE
AND NOW CAN LEARN
FROM DOC'S ASSISTANTS
THE SECRET OF
ATOMIC ENERGY.
HE KNOWS NOT,
HOWEVER, THAT AS
HE WINGS BACK TO
BLACK ROOM
SOCIETY
HEADQUARTERS....

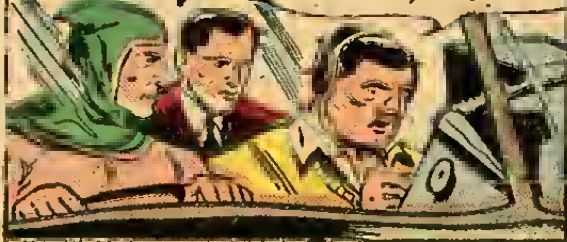
...THAT A PLANE FOLLOWING ITS EVERY
MOVE BY RADAR IS NOT FAR BEHIND...



...PILOTED BY NONE OTHER THAN DOC
SAVAGE WHO MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPED
THE SKULL'S BOMBS AND BULLETS...!

WHAT ARE THE
RADAR READINGS,
MONK?

THE SKULL IS TRAVELING
SOUTH-SOUTH EAST...
WE'RE ABOUT HALF A
POINT OFF, DOC!



MEANWHILE, THE SKULL NEARING HIS HOME BASE, CONTACTS IT BY RADIO....

SK! CALLING ULL...
SK! CALLING ULL...
COMING IN AT
NORTH 3... COMING
IN AT NORTH 3...
MAKE CLEARANCE!



THE MESSAGE IS INTERCEPTED....

WHAT DO
YOU MAKE
OF THE
SKULL'S
MESSAGE,
DOC?

FOR SOME REASON HE
CAN'T HIT THE BASE
WITHOUT CLEARANCE
THROUGH *SOMETHING*...
ANY SUBSTANCE
BEHIND THAT CLOUD
OTHER THAN THE
MOUNTAIN, MONK?

NOPE... RADAR
DOESN'T PICK
UP A T'ING BUT
THE CONTOUR O'
THE MOUNTAIN,
DOC



NEXT SECOND, THEY PICK UP A
MESSAGE FOR THE SKULL....

ULL CALLING SK...
ULL CALLING SK...
RADAR POST PICKS UP
STRANGE PLANE TRAVELING
YOUR COURSE... ALTITUDE
25,000...

WELL... THE
SKULL KNOWS
WE'RE ON HIS
TAIL!

SO WE MIGHT
AS WELL DROP
DOWN AND SEE
HOW HE GOES
IN FOR HIS
LANDING...



SO SAYING, DOC DIPS THE JET'S NOSE
AND DOWN THROUGH THE CLOUD
BANK THEY WHIZ TO SEE...

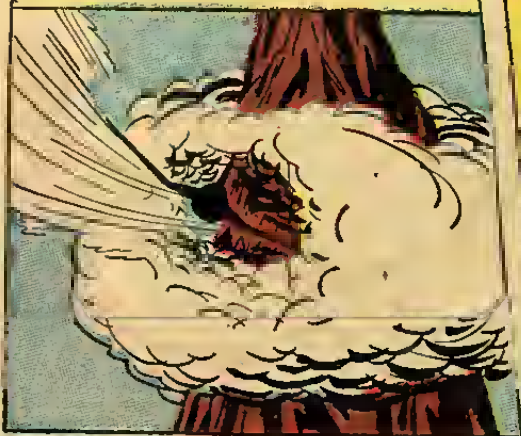
FOR THE
LUV A PETE!

AMAZING!

SO THAT'S
WHAT HE
MEANT ASKIN'
FER
CLEARANCE!



SUDDENLY, AS DOC AND HIS BUDDIES WATCHED, A SMALL OPENING APPEARED IN THE STRANGE CLOUD SUSPENDED AROUND THE MOUNTAIN...

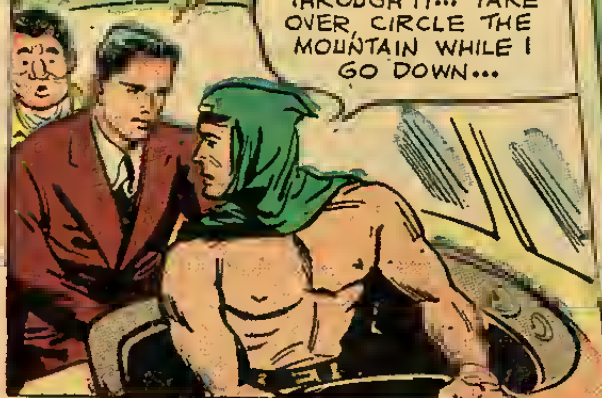


BUT AS DOC OPENS UP TO TRY TO SHOOT THROUGH THE OPENING, VAPOR QUICKLY FILLS IN THE SPACE AND HE PULLS UP JUST IN TIME...



WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THAT CLOUD BANK, DOC?

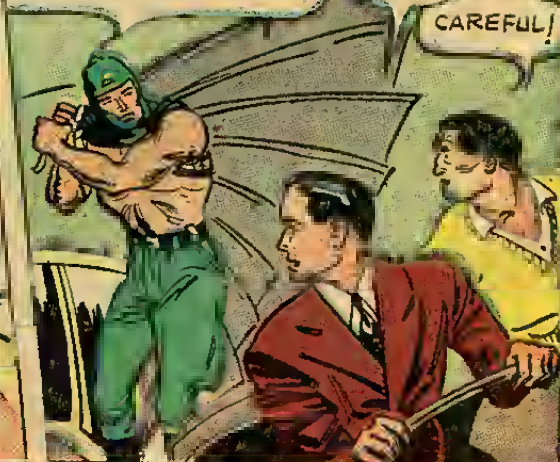
POSSIBLY A POISONOUS GAS... AT ANY RATE, WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE A CHANCE AND GO THROUGH IT... TAKE OVER, CIRCLE THE MOUNTAIN WHILE I GO DOWN...



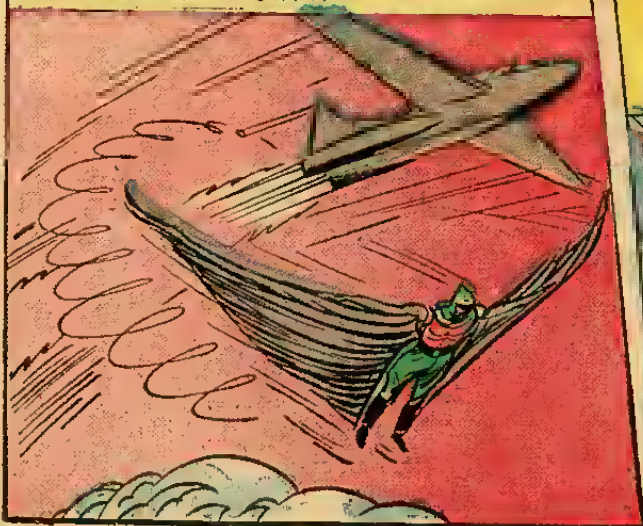
IF I NEED HELP... I'LL SIGNAL YOU WITH THE FLASH MIRROR...

GOOD LUCK!

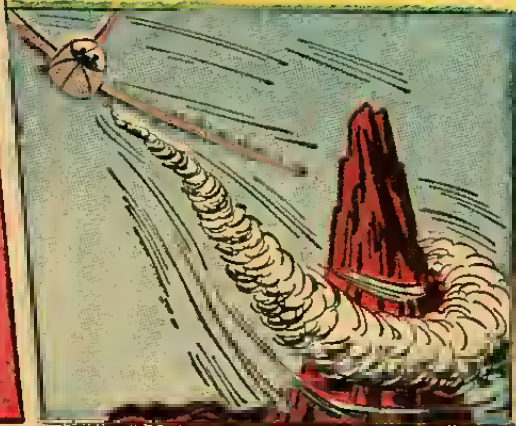
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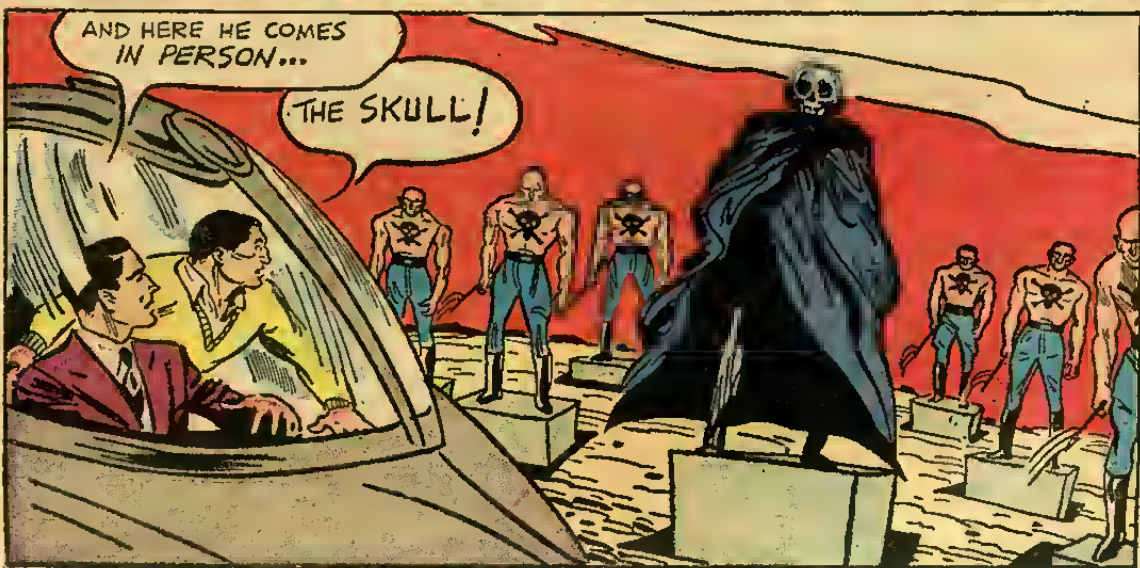
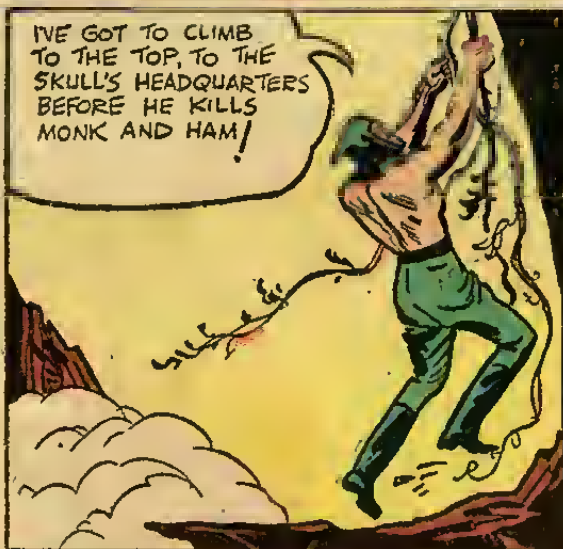


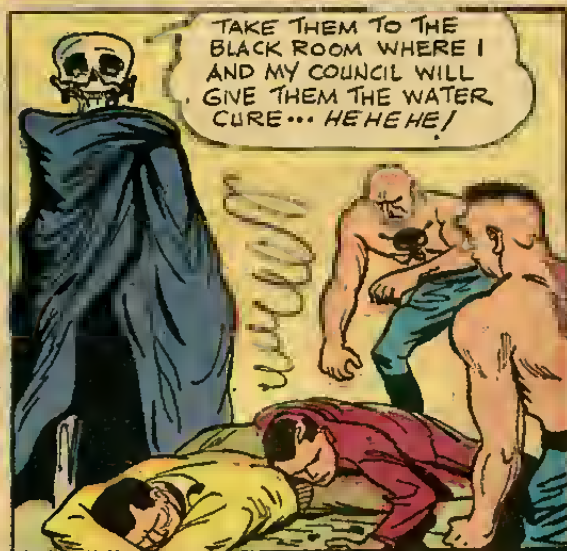
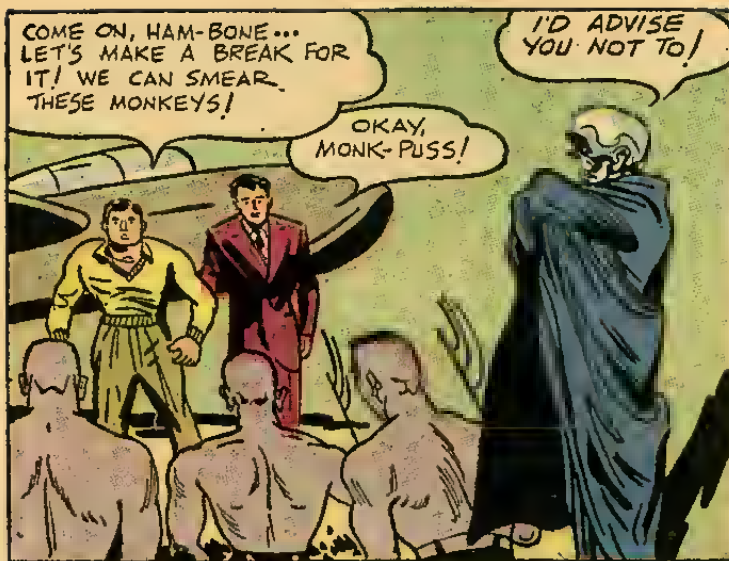
THE NEXT INSTANT...



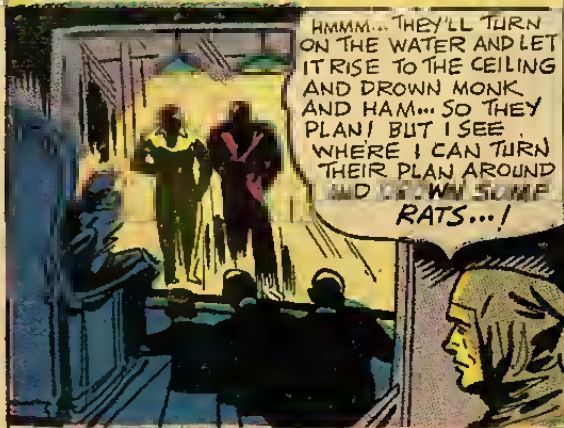
BUT AS DOC LEFT THE PLANE... A STRANGE THING HAPPENED... THE STRANGE CLOUD SUDDENLY CAME TO WHIRLING LIFE, SPINNING TOWARD DOC'S PLANE....







DESCENDING TO THE BLACK ROOM, DOC, PROTECTED BY THE DARK, SEES MONK AND HAM LOCKED IN A HUGE GLASS TANK BEFORE THE MEMBERS OF THE BLACK ROOM SOCIETY...



HMMM... THEY'LL TURN ON THE WATER AND LET IT RISE TO THE CEILING AND DROWN MONK AND HAM... SO THEY PLAN! BUT I SEE WHERE I CAN TURN THEIR PLAN AROUND AND LET THE SUMP RATS...!

A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE SKULL HAS TURNED ON THE WATER, WHILE DOC SILENTLY MAKES HIS WAY AROUND TO THE OTHER SIDE AND ASCENDS THREE QUARTERS OF THE WAY TO THE CEILING ON ONE OF THE ELEVATORS...

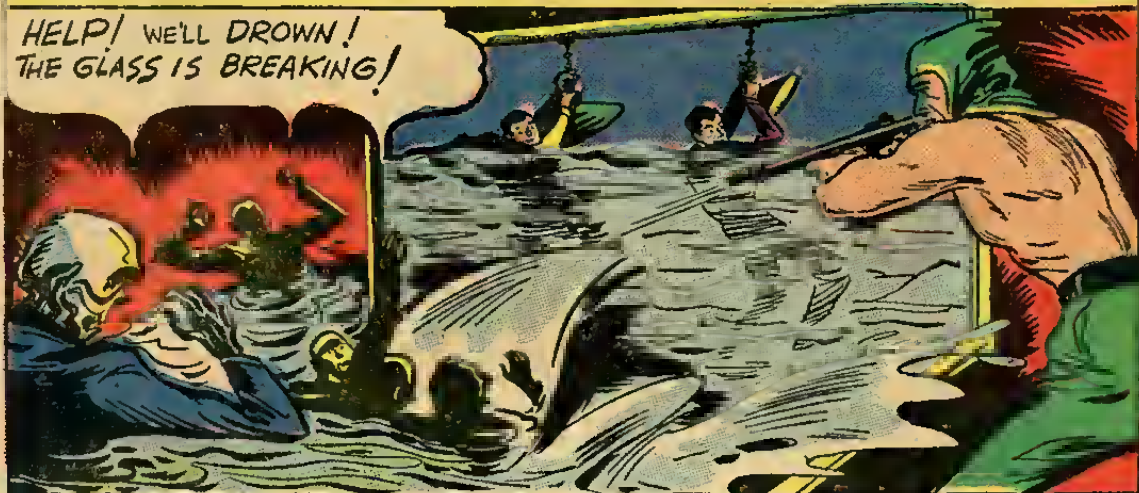
THEY REFUSE TO GIVE US DOC SAVAGES ATOMIC SECRETS... SO... THEY DIE! WATCH... THEM... HEHEHE... HAHAHAAH!

ONCE THEY GRAB THOSE LIGHT CHAINS, SKULL, YOUR LAUGH IS GOING TO SOUND A LITTLE WATERY!



AS HIS PALS GRAB THE LIGHT CHAINS, DOC LETS GO AT THE GLASS WITH HIS MACHINE GUN AND...

HELP! WE'LL DROWN! THE GLASS IS BREAKING!



AND THE NEXT INSTANT, THE SKULL BREATHES HIS LAST VILE BREATH...



HI... DOC! ... BOY... I THOUGHT FOR SURE WE WERE GONERS!

HOW WE GONNA GET DOWN FROM HERE?

THIS IS A TERRIBLE PLACE TO END A STORY WITH US HANGIN' IN MID-AIR!

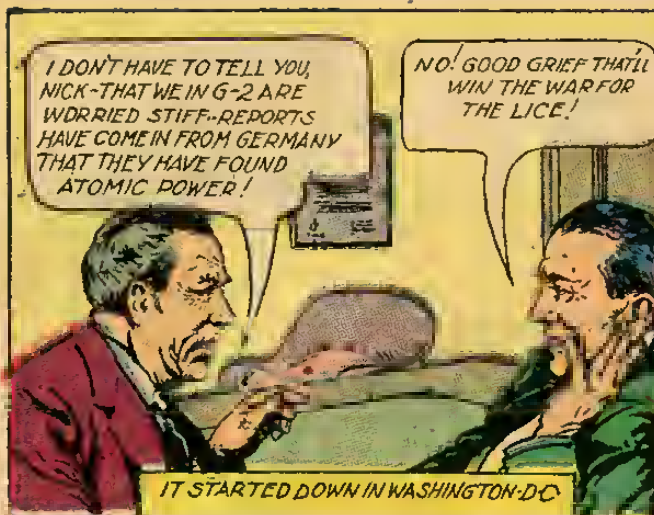
IT'S A BETTER PLACE THAN UNDER THE WATER DEAD WITH THE SKULL... BELIEVE ME!



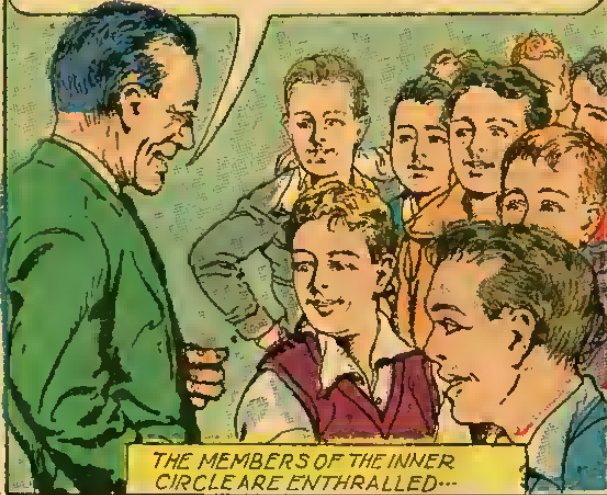
NICK CARTER.. CHESS MASTER!

NOW THAT THE WAR IS OVER THERE ARE STORIES THAT CAN BE TOLD FOR THE FIRST TIME..TAKE THE ONE THAT NICK CARTER TOLD TO THE MEMBERS OF THE INNER CIRCLE ABOUT HIS SUCCESSFUL IMPERSONATION OF A GESTAPO HEAD..





YOU MAY WELL BELIEVE THAT I STUDIED THOSE PAPERS AS I HAVE NEVER STUDIED ANYTHING. I WAS TO BE DROPPED INSIDE BERLIN AS ANOTHER MAN. I HAD TO KNOW WHEN I, HISTER, WAS BORN, WHERE I WENT TO SCHOOL. A THOUSAND FACTS... HOWEVER, I CHUTED DOWN...



THE MEMBERS OF THE INNER CIRCLE ARE ENTHRALLED...



WHEW... IF I CAN ONLY HIDE THIS IN TIME... I'LL BE FAIRLY SAFE...

DOWN, INSIDE BERLIN...



HERE I GO--AND I HAVE TO HEIL THAT RAT YET!

BOY, I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE IN YOUR SHOES... WAS SHE PRETTY?

MY NAME IS HANS HISTER, MY NAME IS HANS HISTER...



HANS! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN MAN? HIMMLER IS FURIOUS!

DOWN CREAKING STAIRS--OUT INTO THE WILHELMSTRASSE...



I'LL SAY SHE WAS. OH WELL, I'VE BEEN IN TROUBLE BEFORE...

GET YOUR ALIBI LINED UP HIMMLER IS WAITING...



IF I CAN SPEAK TO YOU PRIVATELY SIR...

HANS! OOOH... HITLER IS WILD! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

HEAD OF THE VILE GESTAPO.

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NICK EXPLAINS TO THE MEMBERS...

HANS, WE ARE CLOSE, SO CLOSE TO THE ATOMIC BOMB.. WHEN WE GET IT. THE WORLD IS OURS.. I WANT YOU TO GO AND GUARD THE SCIENTISTS WHO ARE AT WORK.. GO AND REMEMBER, THE FATE OF THE THIRD REICH DEPENDS ON YOU!



I'LL REMEMBER...

IF YOU'VE SEEN ANY OF THE NEWSREELS OF OUR ATOMIC BOMB LABS YOU'LL HAVE SOME IDEA OF WHAT I WAS TAKEN TOO. THERE WAS A CYCLOTRON.. MEN WORKING DAY AND NIGHT...



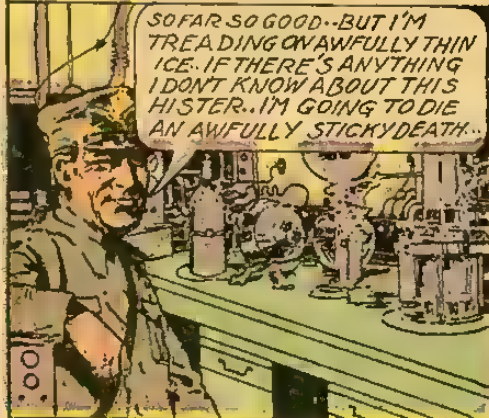
NICK DESCRIBES THE LABORATORY...

SOMEHOW THE SECRET IS TIED UP WITH HEAVY ENCRYPTION.. BUT WE KNOW THAT THE ALLIES KNOW THAT.. WE MUST BEAT THEM TO IT...

SO THEY HAVEN'T GOT IT YET.. ALL I HAVE TO DO IS LOUSE UP THE WORKS SO THEY CAN'T GET IT IN TIME...



SO FAR SO GOOD.. BUT I'M TREADING ON AWFULLY THIN ICE.. IF THERE'S ANYTHING I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS HISTER.. I'M GOING TO DIE AN AWFULLY STICKY DEATH...



DAYS PASSED

HANS.. HOW ARE YOU? WHAT ABOUT SOME MORE CHESS, OLD MAN?

BUT WHAT CAN I DO.. LET'S SEE...



AND THEN IT HAPPENED!



WHAT'S MORE, YOU SAID THEN THAT YOU'D PLAY BOTH OF US... AND BEAT US!

THE LAST TIME WE PLAYED, YOU BEAT ME UNMERCIFULLY...



THAT BLEW THE WHOLE THING WIDE OPEN... YOU SEE, I NEVER PLAYED A GAME OF CHESS IN MY LIFE! WE DIDN'T KNOW THAT THIS HISTER WAS AN EXPERT... WELL....

THAT DID IT...

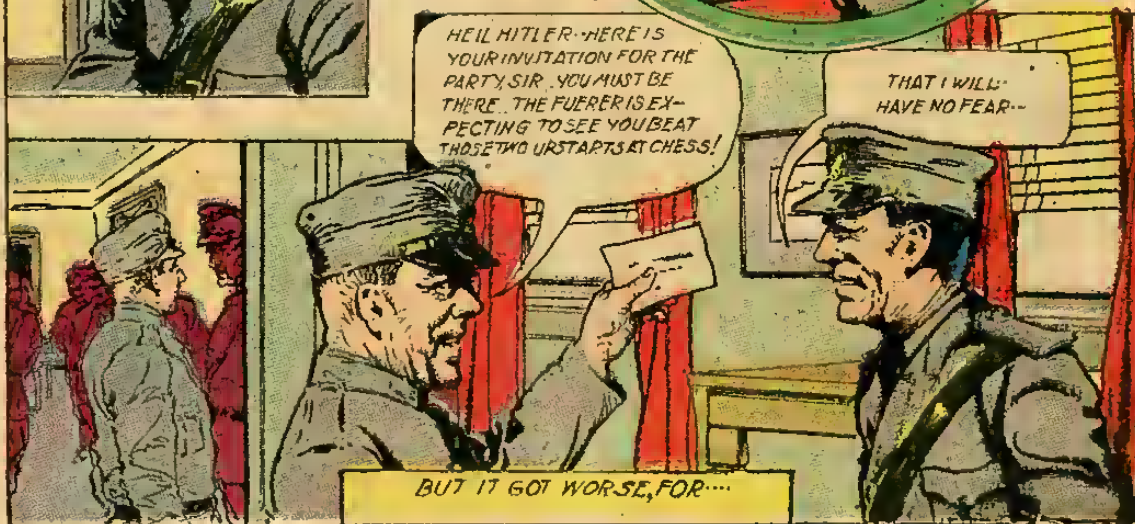


RIGHT, THEN IT'S A DATE... BETWEEN NOW AND TOMORROW NIGHT! BETTER GET AWFULLY BUSY...



HA HA... OF COURSE I'LL BEAT YOU... BUT THE ONLY THING IS, I'M SO BUSY...

OF COURSE WE ALL ARE... BUT THERE IS GOING TO BE A PARTY TOMORROW NIGHT... THAT'S WHEN WE'LL HAVE A CHANCE...



HEIL HITLER... HERE IS YOUR INVITATION FOR THE PARTY, SIR. YOU MUST BE THERE. THE FUERER IS EXPECTING TO SEE YOU BEAT THOSE TWO URSTARTS AT CHESS!

THAT I WILL... HAVE NO FEAR...

BUT IT GOT WORSE, FOR....

I MADE ALL SORTS OF PLANS. BUT THEY WERE ALL FATED TO MONK UP. FOR I WAS KEPT ON THE HOPE EVERY MINUTE.. I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO LOOK AT A CHESS BOOK. SOON.. TOO SOON, IT WAS THE NEXT NIGHT. EVERY NAZI DIGNITARY WAS AT THE PARTY....



NICK SAYS...

YOU KNOW OF THE FEUD BETWEEN US AND THE REGULAR ARMY MEN, FOR OUR HONOR, YOU HAVE TO BEAT THOSE ARMY MEN AT CHESS, SIR.

YES, I KNOW ONLY TOO WELL. LEAD ME TO IT!



LET'S SEE.. ALL I KNOW ABOUT CHESS IS, THE PERSON WITH THE WHITE CHESSMEN MOVE FIRST...



IF I ONLY KNEW WHICH CHESSMEN MOVED WHERE.. OH WELL.. YOU CAN ONLY DIE ONCE...

GOOD EVENING.. WE ARE ALL READY.



IT WAS THEN THAT I GOT MY IDEA! AND IT WAS A HONEY! IT ALLOWED ME, WHO KNEW ABOUT CHESS, TO BE SURE I COULD BEAT AT LEAST ONE MAN! I WENT AHEAD....



AND THAT WAS WHAT DID IT!

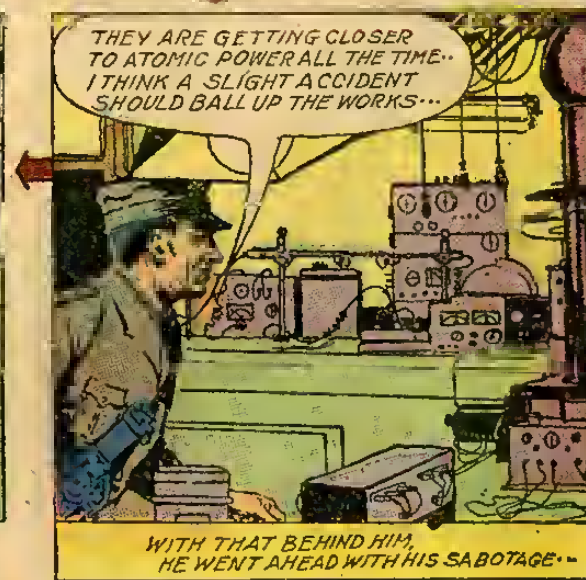
PERHAPS I SHALL NOT BEAT BOTH OF YOU.. BUT IT IS A SURETY THAT I WILL BEAT ONE OF YOU!

GESTAPO SHOW OFF.. WE WILL BEAT HIM.. BOTH OF US WILL!





TWO HOURS LATER...

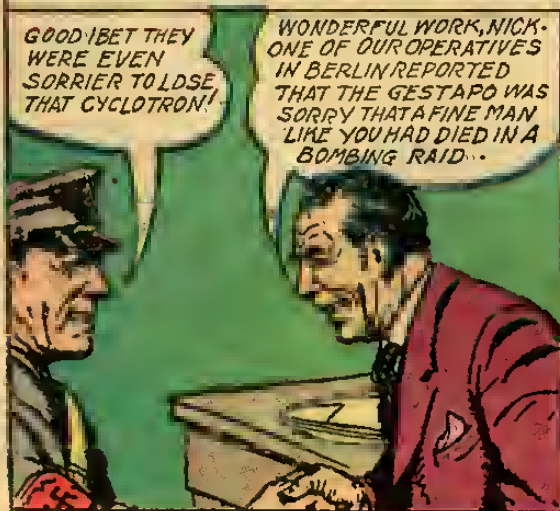




NICELY DONE
INDEED. NOW
I HAVE TO MAKE
CONTACT...

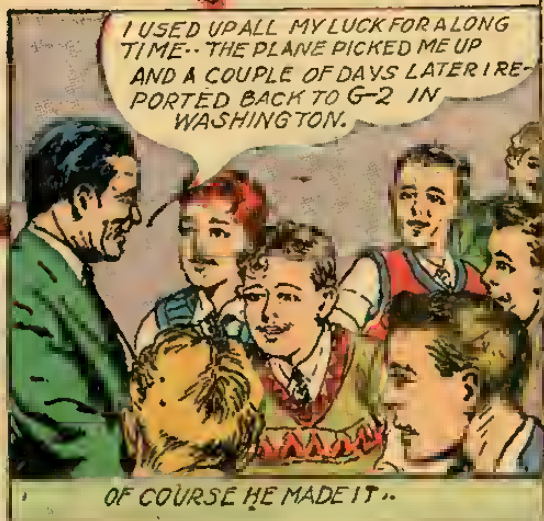


WHEW... THAT FLACK
IS NASTY... IF I MAKE
THIS, I'LL HAVE AS
MANY LIVES AS A CAT.



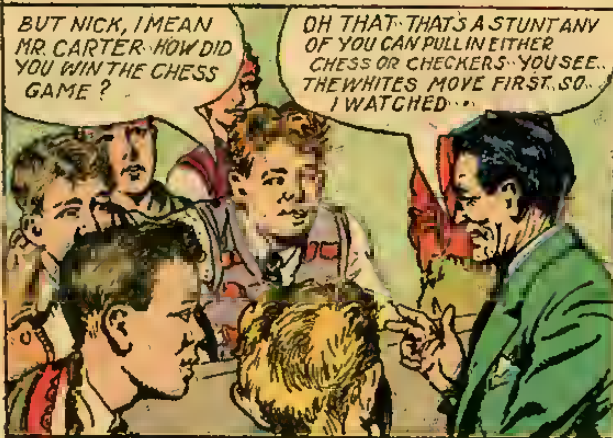
GOOD! BET THEY
WERE EVEN
SORRIER TO LOSE
THAT CYCLOTRON!

WONDERFUL WORK, NICK.
ONE OF OUR OPERATIVES
IN BERLIN REPORTED
THAT THE GESTAPO WAS
SORRY THAT A FINE MAN
LIKE YOU HAD DIED IN A
BOMBING RAID...



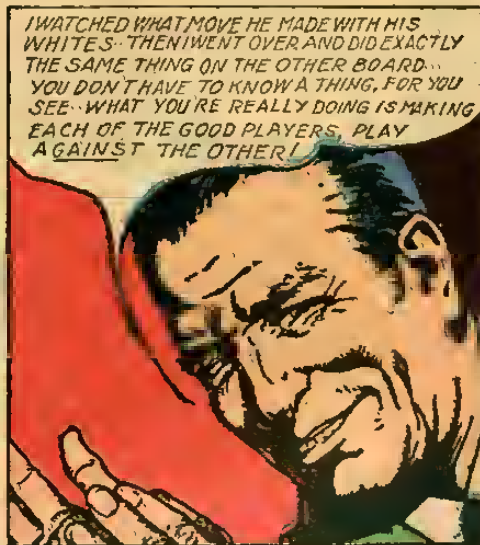
I USED UP ALL MY LUCK FOR A LONG
TIME... THE PLANE PICKED ME UP
AND A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER I RE-
PORTED BACK TO G-2 IN
WASHINGTON.

OF COURSE HE MADE IT..



BUT NICK, I MEAN
MR. CARTER. HOW DID
YOU WIN THE CHESS
GAME?

OH THAT. THAT'S A STUNT ANY
OF YOU CAN PULL IN EITHER
CHESS OR CHECKERS. YOU SEE,
THE WHITES MOVE FIRST. SO...
I WATCHED...



I WATCHED WHAT MOVE HE MADE WITH HIS
WHITES. THEN I WENT OVER AND DID EXACTLY
THE SAME THING ON THE OTHER BOARD...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW A THING, FOR YOU
SEE. WHAT YOU'RE REALLY DOING IS MAKING
EACH OF THE GOOD PLAYERS, PLAY
AGAINST THE OTHER!

THAT ABOUT WOUND THE DEAL UP....

Inner Circle



"PROMISE OF DEATH. . . ."

"On the surface the case was such a clear cut one. A man named Johnny Curtis, down and out, spent his last nickel for a frozen ice on a stick and then went upstairs and when he finished the ice, he turned the gas on and laid down and died.

"That's the way it looked and that's the way it would have gone down on the record if, about four days ago, a claim hadn't been entered against the gas company. They called me in. The people who brought the claim had a promissory note from Johnny, the dead man; and they were threatening to sue the gas company for contributory negligence to manslaughter!"

"SUICIDE OR. . . ."

"I went to the room where the dead man had died of gas poisoning and looked around. It was the room of a guy that was really on his uppers. There wasn't a hockable thing around that hadn't already been hocked. He was broke with a capital B. And curiously enough, that was what the men who were suing, were basing their case on. They claimed that the nickel that Johnny spent for the frozen ice was his last cent and that being the case, where had the gas come from?

"The room had one of those quarter gas meters in it. It had been off for weeks, everyone in the rooming house knew that, for Johnny had tried to borrow quarters from all of them, that last day of his life. . . .

The members of the Inner Circle looked up in surprise at that. Chick went on. "The col-

lector had been around the previous month, emptied the box, and no new quarters had been deposited!

"That threw the whole thing right back into the laps of the gas company. If there was no money in the box, then Johnny could not have turned the jets on. And even if he had, no gas could have come out to kill him. . . .

"PERFECT CRIME?"

"The police in the meantime had investigated the bad boys who were trying to sue the gas company. They were plenty bad boys. From gossip the cops picked up, the dead man had been in a jam. He had lost plenty of dough-re-mi to the bad boys, gambling. They had held his I.O.U.'s for plenty.

"It seemed pretty obvious to me that the crooks, knowing that no court of law will honor gambling debts, had made Johnny sign a promissory note for the amount of the I.O.U.'s.

"That being the case, had the bad boys rigged the death just so they'd be able to collect from the gas company? With that in mind I went back to the room that had been the scene of the death and looked things over again. While I was engaged in finding exactly nothing, I heard a high pitched giggle behind me.

"I whirled around and saw one of the oldest men I have ever seen in my life. As it turned out he was my luck. If it hadn't been for him I think the gas company might have paid the claim.

"But all the old man said was, 'Hee, hee. Fooled them consarn gas men, eh?'"

"How's that?" I asked. He giggled in his high pitched voice and said something about the fact that the reason there was no money in most of the gas money boxes was because water melted. That was all.

"You see what it meant? I'd forgotten about the oldest method in the world to fool a slot machine like the gas meter. You get a small hunk of ice and melt it in your hands till it's roughly the shape of a quarter. Then you drop it into the slot. It's weight is enough to trip the device that turns the gas on . . . and you're all set!"

Beef interrupted, "Gee, that's cute, you mean this dead guy made an 'ice' quarter and dropped it into the slot in order to kill himself, eh?"

Chick grunted, "Yeah . . . simple isn't it? That's what I thought. I got the gas men there and told them my idea. They looked at me as if I were a simpleton. One of them said of course they'd thought of that, it was one of the first things they thought of in a poor section like that. But they were sure from the lack of rust in the box, from the fact that there was no stain in the box that my idea had not been used."

"IMPASSE!"

"They took the box out and showed it to me. There certainly was not the slightest sign of anything having been done. The inside was all clear. One of the men said that if ice had been used it would still have been water by the time they looked. Water didn't evaporate that fast!

"Believe me I did some fast thinking. I had told the gas company, when I thought of the ice gag that I was sure the whole thing could be cleared up that day. That put me in a neat spot! I might very well have stayed on that spot if it hadn't been a pretty hot day!

"I passed one of those stands on wheels that sell frozen drinks on a stick and I bought one. That solved the whole bizarre case for me. That and the lead the old man had given

me. I stood there like a dope with the frozen ice in my mouth and watched the man push the little cart away down the street before it suddenly hit me like a thunderbolt."

"DEATH ON A STICK"

"In the first place it was a case of suicide pure and simple, and not murder. The wise guys, once they heard about the circumstances of the death decided to see if they couldn't collect on their promissory note despite the fact that Johnny was dead. It was not their fault that the case was so baffling.

"You see, I had been right the first time, after all where in the world would a guy in a furnished room get ice? They don't have ice boxes or electric refrigerators.

"He would have had to borrow the ice from someone. Well . . . that was the case, as I found out soon enough. The person he got the ice from hadn't given another thought to it. . . ."

Chick got up and looked at his wrist watch. "Phew, I have to get a wiggle on, I have to meet Nick down at the station with some papers, he's going right out of town again."

He put his hat on and was heading for the door before Beef yelled out, "Hey Chick! What goes? You can't leave us this way right in the middle of the case!"

Chick paused at the door, grinned, and said, "Oh that, I thought you got that! Don't you see, all I had to do was find an ice that's not made out of water and evaporates without a trace!"

"Darn it," said Sue, "I should have thought of that! Of course, the man who sold the ices on a stick!"

Chick nodded and started out again. Beef called, "No . . . I still don't get it!"

"There's only one kind of ice that fits the specifications! And the ice peddler used it to keep his stock cold! Dry ice! Johnny made his ice quarter out of that!"

"But it burns your hands . . ." Beef said.

Chick threw the last words over his shoulder as he ran out. "That's right, we found the burns on his hands but didn't know what they were. That was the proof I was right!"

Western
Gun
Fighters

SHERIFF BAT MASTERSON

by CHARLES
WESSELL

"The Fox of the Cow Country"

ONE OF THE CRACK GUNMEN OF THE OLD WEST, BAT MASTERSON PROVED THE PEN TO BE MIGHTIER THAN THE PISTOL, BY BECOMING ONE OF AMERICA'S ACE SPORTS WRITERS

THEY'RE
BOTH KILLERS!

SHERIFF'S
TOO QUICK
FOR THEM!

BAT NAILED
THE RATS!



BORN IN ILLINOIS IN 1855, WILLIAM B. MASTERSON SET OUT FOR THE KANSAS INDIAN COUNTRY WHILE STILL A BOY

BAT MET UP WITH A "PAL" ON THE WAY AND THEY TOOK A GRADING CONTRACT WITH THE SANTA FE RAILROAD

WHO WAS IT SAID
"GO WEST, YOUNG
MAN"?
GID-DAP!



THIS MEANS
NICE PROFIT,
BAT!

GOOD!
LET'S GO!



WHY TH...

Dile Dile on
Hard to
sleep with
this profits to
make up for
loss -

NICE SHOOTIN', BAT!

THEY'RE THROUGH!

PHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE!

LATER, BAT RETURNED TO DODGE CITY. HE WAS A CRACK SHOT, BUT NEVER LOOKED FOR A FIGHT. CONSEQUENTLY THE PEOPLE ELECTED HIM SHERIFF, THOUGH HE WAS NOT YET 21 YEARS OLD. BAT BELIEVED IN USING YOUR HEAD BEFORE RESORTING TO THE GUN



NOT LONG AFTER, A VICIOUS GANG STAGED A DARING TRAIN ROBBERY NEAR DODGE CITY



BUT THEY RECKONED WITHOUT BAT, WHO CALMLY ORGANIZED A POSSE, AS A BLIZZARD SET IN

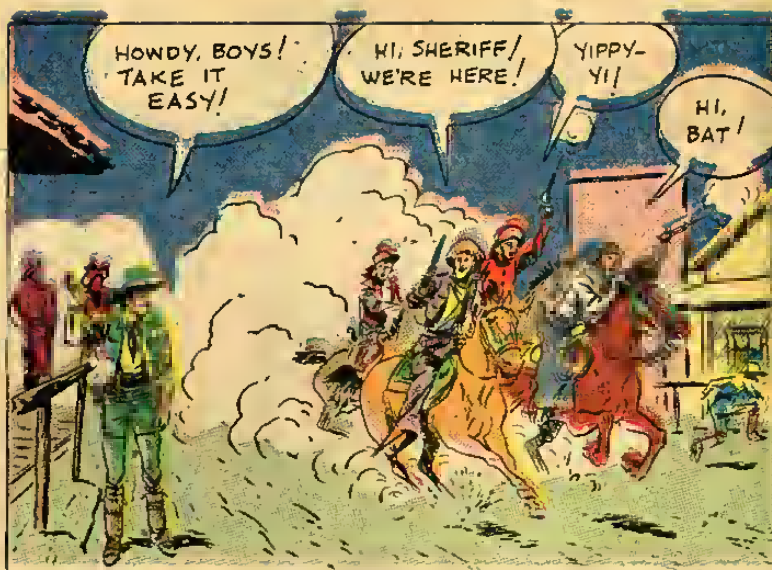


THE FOXEY BAT FIGURED THE BANDITS WOULD CIRCLE AROUND TO AN ABANDONED COW CAMP BECAUSE OF THE STORM.

THEREFORE, BAT INSISTED ON LEADING HIS POSSE THERE TO HEAD THE BANDITS OFF



BAT HAD A WAY WITH THE TOUGH, RIP-ROARING COWBOYS AND TRAIL-DRIVERS FROM TEXAS. DODGE CITY WAS THE TRAIL'S END-- BAT LET THEM "BLOW OFF STEAM" SO LONG AS THEY HELD RESPECT FOR LAW



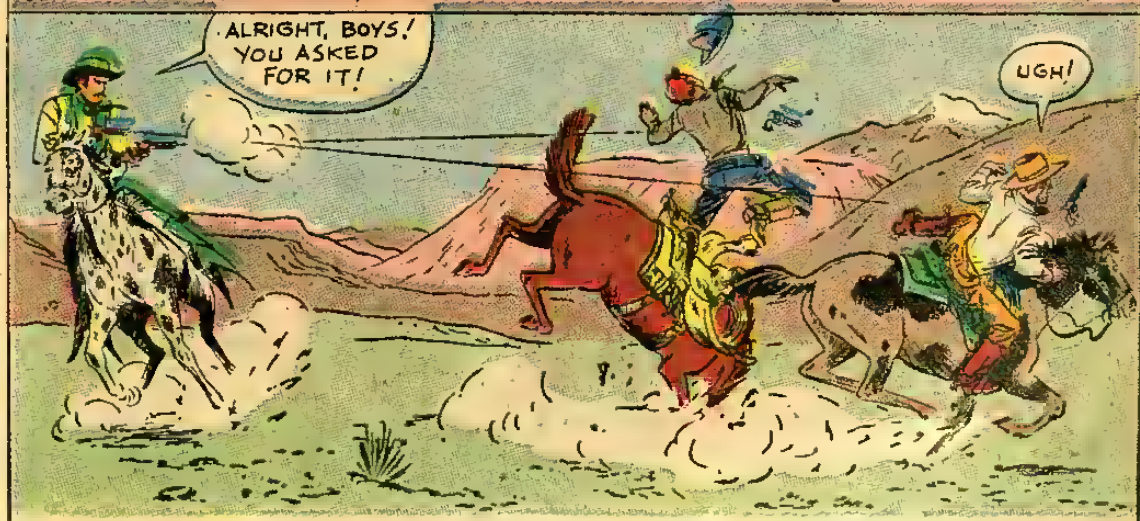
BUT DODGE HAD ITS SHARE OF OUTLAWS AND DESPERADOES. TWO OF THESE MURDERED BAT'S YOUNGER BROTHER, AND ESCAPED JUST BEFORE BAT ARRIVED ON THE SCENE



BAT CAUGHT UP WITH THE KILLERS OUTSIDE OF TOWN



BUT BAT'S DEADLY ACCURACY EVENED THE SCORE AND BOTH KILLERS "PAID THE FIDDLER"





BAT MASTERSON WAS INTENSELY LOYAL TO HIS FRIENDS. HE SPARED NO PAINS TO GET THEM OUT OF TROUBLE.

WHEN ONE OF THEM LAY WOUNDED, AFTER A FIERCE GUN FIGHT, THERE WAS TALK OF LYNCHING. BAT ACTED FAST...

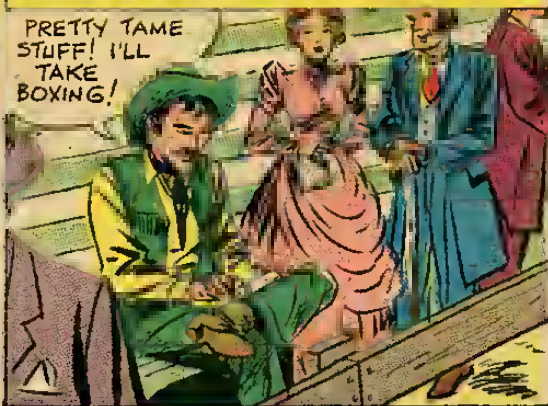
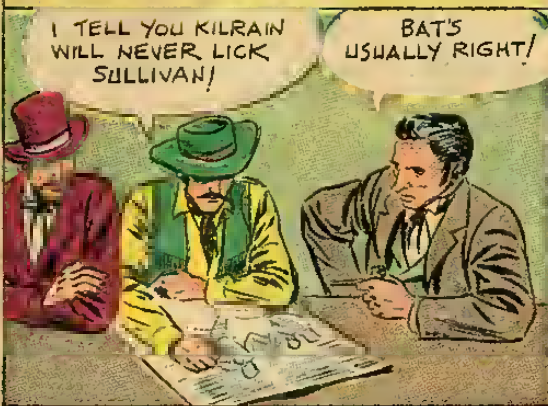
AFTER MAKING A FINE RECORD AS SHERIFF AT DODGE, BAT TOOK A FLING AT RUNNING A DANCE HALL. HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO MAKE THEM "CHECK THEIR GUNS AT THE DOOR"

.... HE STAGED A MOCK GUN FIGHT NEAR A DANCE HALL, AND WHISKED HIS FRIEND AWAY, WHILE THE TOWNSFOLK WERE BUSY WATCHING THE FIGHT



RESTLESS, BAT LATER WENT ON TO DENVER, WHERE HE TOOK A GREAT INTEREST IN SPORTS.... PARTICULARLY IN PRIZE-FIGHTING

BAT LIKED TO PUT HIS OBSERVATIONS IN WRITING AND DID A SWELL ARTICLE ON AN ENGLISH CRICKET MATCH HELD IN DENVER.

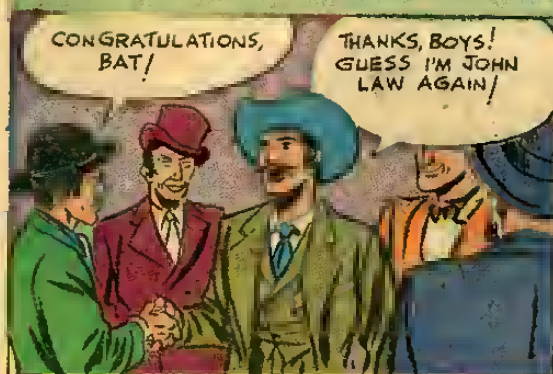


BAT'S INTEREST IN SPORTS GREW WITH THE YEARS, AND HE PUT HIS GUNS AWAY. BUT PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT, WHO GREATLY ADMIRER BAT, OFFERED HIM THE POST OF U.S. MARSHAL FOR OKLAHOMA, WHICH BAT POLITELY DECLINED



BUT LATER, WHEN HIS LOVE FOR SPORTS ATTRACTED HIM TO NEW YORK, HE ACCEPTED "TEDDY" ROOSEVELT'S APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY U.S. MARSHAL FOR THAT STATE

BUT BAT'S SPORTS ARTICLES ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF N.Y. EDITORS AND HE BECAME ONE OF THE BEST SPORTS WRITERS IN THE GAME



AND SO, WHEN BAT MASTERSON DIED AT HIS DESK AT THE N.Y. MORNING TELEGRAPH ON OCT. 25TH, 1921, THE 66-YEAR OLD FORMER GUN-FIGHTER REALIZED HIS AMBITION TO "DIE WITH HIS BOOTS ON"

BUT THEY WERE THE "BOOTS" OF A GREAT WRITER, WHOSE PEN PROVED MIGHTIER THAN HIS PISTOL—





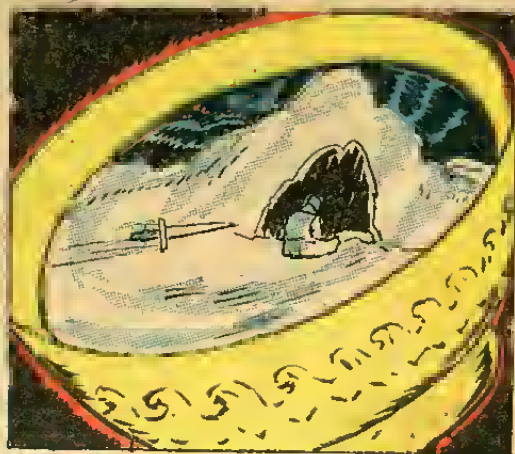
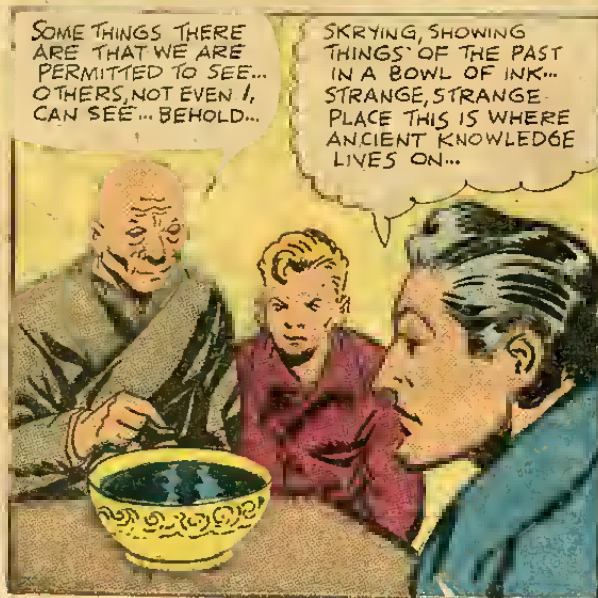
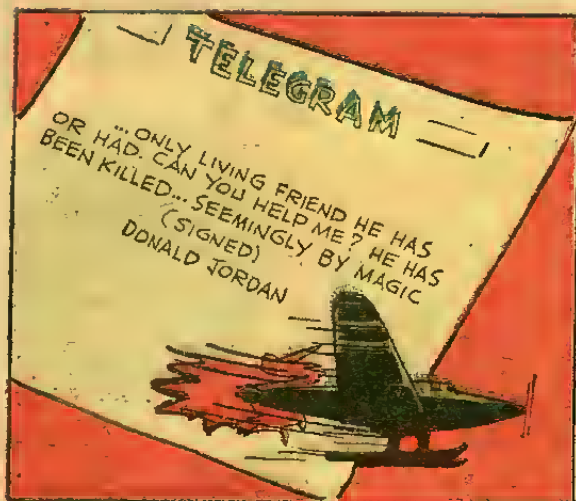
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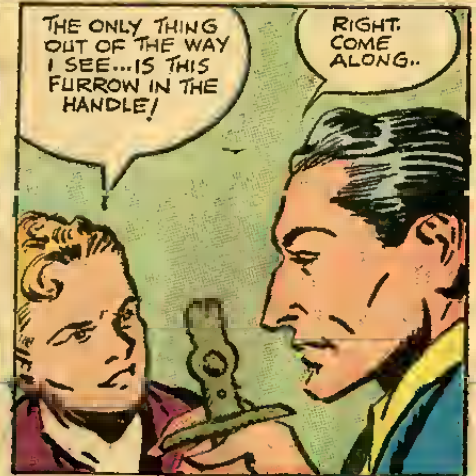
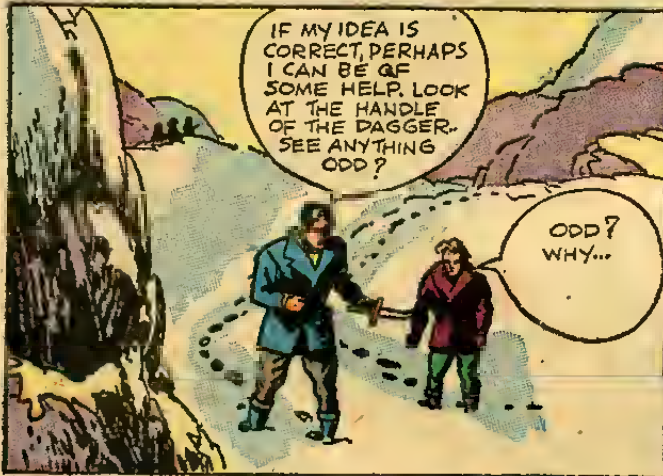
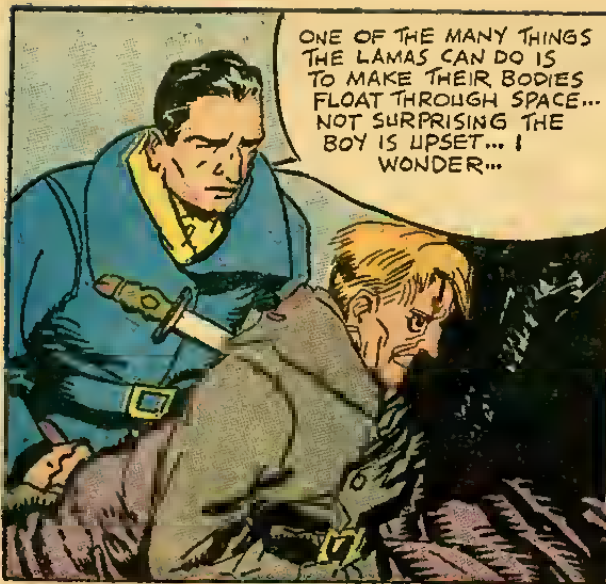
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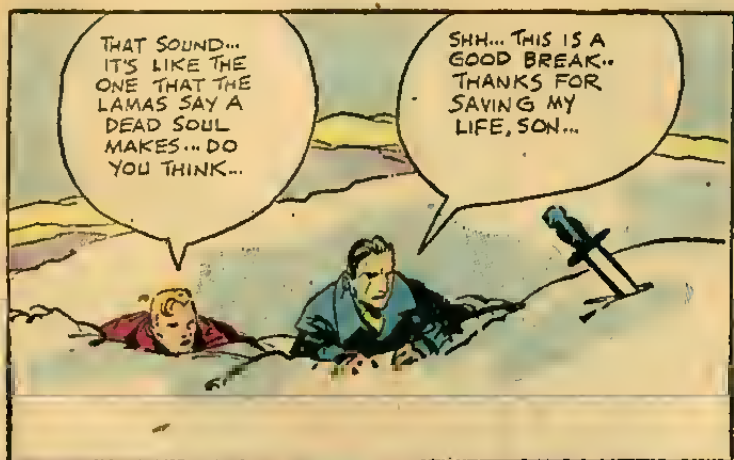
TWENTY MINUTES MORE, SIR, I SHALL BE ABLE TO LAND ON THE PLATEAU OUTSIDE THE LAMASERY...

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THAT SOUND...
IT'S LIKE THE
ONE THAT THE
LAMAS SAY A
DEAD SOUL
MAKES... DO
YOU THINK...

SHH... THIS IS A
GOOD BREAK...
THANKS FOR
SAVING MY
LIFE, SON...



I CAN'T
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ANYONE...
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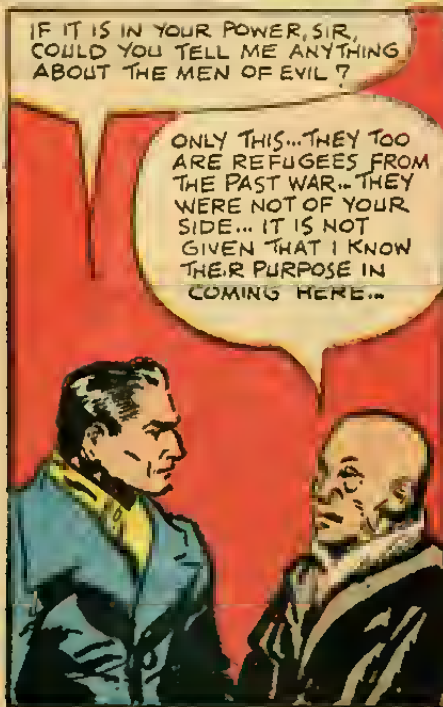
RELAX, SON,
I'M BEGINNING TO
SEE DAYLIGHT. I
MUST HAVE A WORD
WITH THE LAMA AND
THEN... THEN I'LL
CLEAN THE LITTLE
HORROR UP...



NEVER KNOWING WHEN THE NEXT SECOND WILL BRING A
DAGGER IN THEIR BACKS...

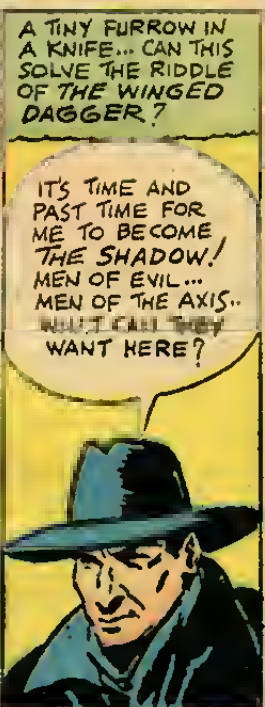
A LITTLE
BIT MORE...

WHEN



IF IT IS IN YOUR POWER, SIR,
COULD YOU TELL ME ANYTHING
ABOUT THE MEN OF EVIL?

ONLY THIS... THEY TOO
ARE REFUGEES FROM
THE PAST WAR... THEY
WERE NOT OF YOUR
SIDE... IT IS NOT
GIVEN THAT I KNOW
THEIR PURPOSE IN
COMING HERE...

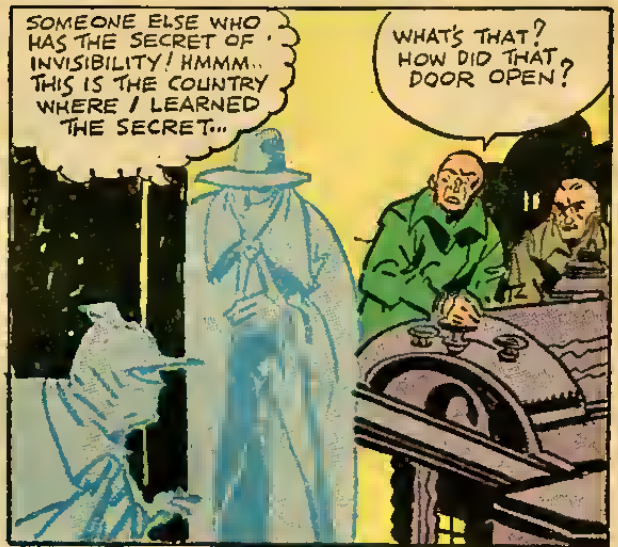
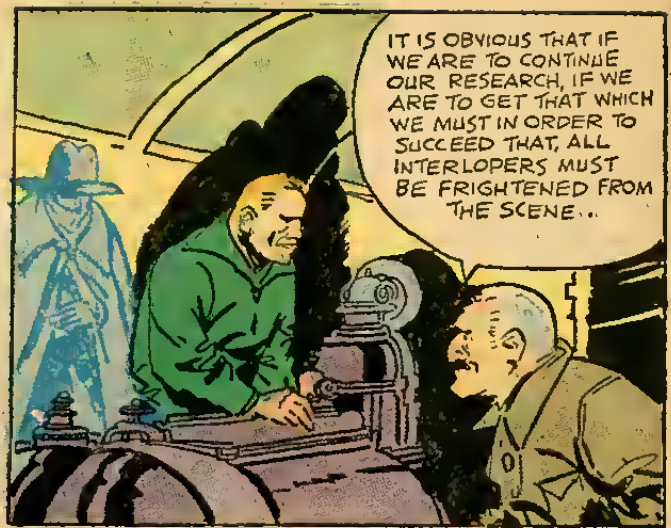
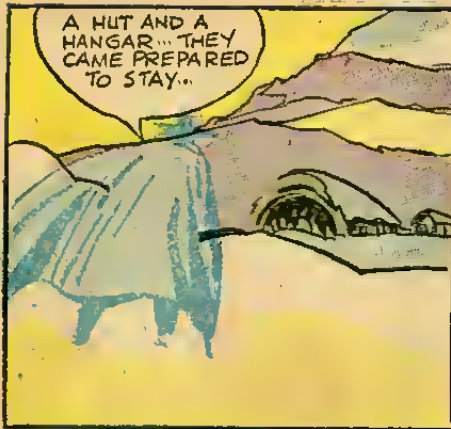


A TINY FURROW IN
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SOLVE THE RIDDLE
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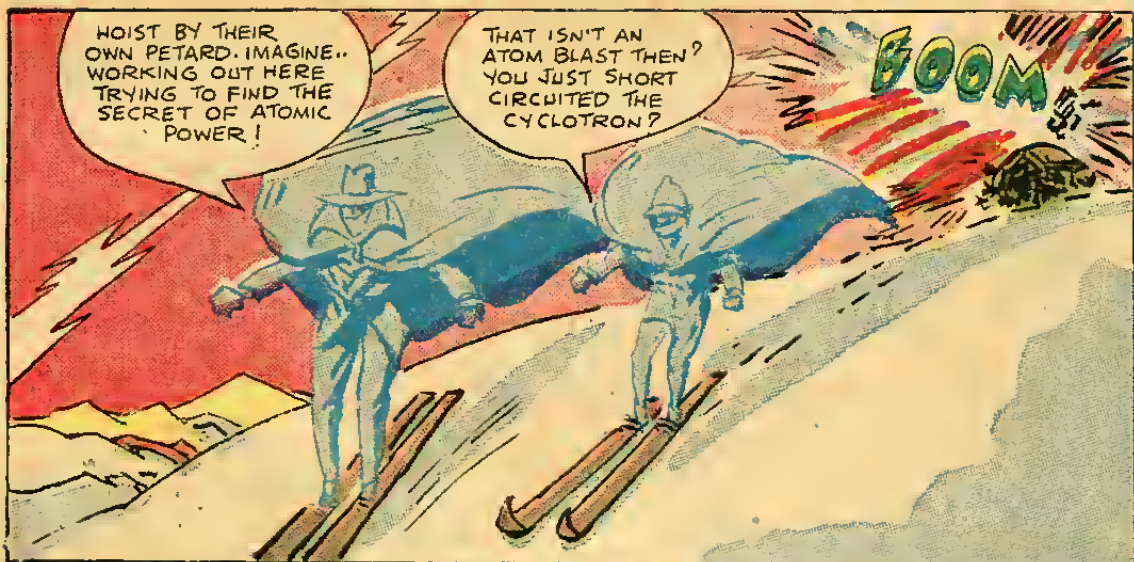
IT'S TIME AND
PAST TIME FOR
ME TO BECOME
THE SHADOW!
MEN OF EVIL...
MEN OF THE AXIS...
WHY CAN THEY
WANT HERE?



AS I THOUGHT...
THESE ARE MEN
AND DO LEAVE
RECORDS OF
THEIR PASSING







HOIST BY THEIR OWN PETARD. IMAGINE... WORKING OUT HERE TRYING TO FIND THE SECRET OF ATOMIC POWER!

THAT ISN'T AN ATOM BLAST THEN? YOU JUST SHORT CIRCUITED THE CYCLOTRON?

BOOM



MUST I STAY HERE, SIR? IT WILL ALWAYS REMIND ME OF DAD... I'D LIKE TO DEVOTE MY LIFE TO YOUR FIGHT! AGAINST EVIL AND EVIL DOERS!

IF YOU ARE STAYING HERE, SON, THIS HOLDS THE SECRET OF THE WINGED DAGGER... I GRABBED IT ~~ACE~~ ~~THE~~ AT THE HUT



AS IT WAS WRIT, SO SHALL IT BE. WE HAVE TRAINED THE BOY WELL FOR WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS... OM MANI PADME HUM... THE SHINING JEWEL...



A CROSS BOW... THEY USED A DAGGER WITH THE FURROW, INSTEAD OF A BOLT! NO WONDER THEY COULD KILL FROM A GREAT DISTANCE!

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